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Yingkou harbor can accommodate ships up to 2000 tons. However, ships as large as this will be allowed to enter only at the captain's own risk.

It will cost one-half million Manchurian Yen to widen and deepen a part of the channel (about 3/4 mile up to the harbor) to accommodate a 2000 ton ship. The deepest draught this channel has ever had is three fathoms. A ship with a draught of fifteen feet could navigate safely.

The Nationalist Government does not want to pay for this dredging work until the present civil war has ceased, because they fear the Communists might retake the city and destroy the improvements.

One lighter, one wooden ship, two pontoons were sunk by the Communists when they were in control of the city. These still remain in the river. A former harbor employee was forced by the Communists to show the location of the channel and the strategic points at which to sink the ships, so as to render the harbor useless. This employee was faithful to the Nationalists and had the ships sunk a few meters off the channel, hence the harbor can still be used to some extent.

There are six 100-ton motor tugs operating between Tientsin and Yingkou. These carry about twenty-five tons of cargo each trip. The cargo from Tientsin is kerosene and piece goods and on the return trip bean cakes and yellow beans. This trip takes between forty-eight and seventy-two hours. No exact schedule is maintained.

Yingkou is open only to domestic trade. No foreign ships are allowed in the harbor.

The industry of Yingkou is confined to fishing and the production of cotton yarn and bean oil.

The city has no light, power or water. The spinning mill has its own generator and the mill is stopped one hour every second day and the power is used to pump water through the city mains.

The death rate from cholera is about 80% of the reported cases.

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